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13. [REDACTED] TRAINING Attended a symposium on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts hosted by the Civil Service Commission and held in Room 309 Cannon Building. Speakers from the House and Senate Government Operations Committee noted the problems that agencies and departments are having in implementing the FOI Act, particularly the ten-day deadline, and reviews by the Committees are planned for next year. Mr. Titus of the Civil Division, Department of Justice, noted that the courts, in considering issues involving classification in FOI cases, are making it clearer that they do not intend to substitute their judgment for that of the executive agencies and they are deciding cases on the basis of affidavits from agency heads if the factors which support classification are spelled out. In this regard, he stated that the affidavits prepared by the Agency were by far the best he has seen.

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14. [REDACTED] LIAISON Received a call from Toni Ianello, on the staff of Senator Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.), who requested a copy of USSR Secretary General Brezhnev's speech on the new 5-year program and also the text of the program if it was available. I checked with [REDACTED] and found that Brezhnev's speech was immediately available and that the text will be contained in a supplement that will be published next week. I asked [REDACTED] to send both directly to the Senator's office and informed Ms. Ianello that she would be receiving it.

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15. [REDACTED] LIAISON Received a call from Bob Jaxel, Program and Analysis Division, GAO, who referred to a letter from the Comptroller General to all executive departments and agencies, dated 23 August. The letter requested information on a proposed program inventory process. Jaxel said he anticipated the Agency, because of security considerations, would not have a very substantial reply, but requested a letter. I told him I would check to see who had action on the item and a response to GAO would be forthcoming.

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